



COUNTY ESTIMATES

All Wheat – 2005 Crop

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Colorado's total wheat crop produced in 2005 totaled 54.04 million bushels, 15 percent above the 46.88 million bushels produced in 2004. All wheat includes both winter and spring planted crops but excludes durum wheat. Producers' expectations were initially high with good fall planting conditions and spring moisture. Hot and dry condition returned later in the growing season limiting yield and production. The planted acreage of 2,570,000 acres for the 2005 crop was 11 percent more than the 2,315,000 acres planted the previous year and the 2,219,000 acres harvested was 29 percent above the 1,714,000 acres harvested in 2004. Producers abandoned 351,000 acres in 2005 compared with 601,000 in 2004. Producers averaged 24.5 bushels per acre from the 2005 crop compared with 27.4 bushels per acre from the 2004 crop.

Kit Carson County moved up the list to become the top wheat producing county in the state in 2005 by producing 6,090,000 bushels. This year's crop was up 62 percent over the 2004 crop of 3,750,000 bushels. Producers planted 337,200 acres for the 2005 crop, up 20 percent from the previous year and harvested 293,000 acres, up 127 percent. The average yield, however, at 21.0 bushels per acre in 2005 was 8.0 bushels below the 29.0 bushel average realized from the 2004 crop.

Washington County was the second highest wheat producing county in Colorado for the 2005 crop by producing 5,190,000 bushels, down 11 percent from the 5,815,000 million bushel crop produced and a first place ranking in 2004. Acreage planted for the 2005 crop was up 14 percent from the previous year to 269,600 acres which was the second highest of any county in the state. The 237,800 acres harvested was the second highest in the state and was 9 percent higher than the 218,500 acres harvested in 2004. The average yield in 2005, at 22.0 bushels per acre, was 4.5 bushels below the 2004 crop average of 26.5 bushels per acre.

Baca County jumped to a third place ranking for the 2005 crop with a total output of 4,150,000 bushels. The planted area of 214,000 acres was 4 percent more than the previous year and the 168,600 acres harvested increased 4 percent from the 161,000 acres harvested in 2004. The average yield of 24.5 bushels per acre was 5.0 bushels per acre above the 2004 average of 19.5 bushels per acre.

Logan County dropped to a fourth place ranking in 2005 from second place last year with a total output of 3,699,000 bushels. The latest crop was 6 percent below the 3,936,000 bushels produced the previous year. Producers harvested 147,500 acres in 2005 compared with 135,800 acres a year earlier. The county's average yield of 25.0 bushels per acre was 4.0 bushels below the previous year.

Weld County rounded out the top five wheat producing counties in the state with a total output of 3,578,000 bushels. The 2005 crop was 7 percent lower than the 2004 crop of 3,843,000 bushels. Producers increased the planted area by 5 percent to 143,200 acres for the 2005 crop and harvested 125,400 acres, up from the 123,300 acres harvested the previous year. The average yield of 28.5 bushels per acre on the 2005 crop was 2.5 bushels per acre below the 2004 crop average.

The top five producing counties accounted for 22,707,000 bushels in 2005, representing 42 percent of the state's total output of 54,035,000 bushels. The next five leading counties had a combined output of 16,066,500 bushels, bringing the total for the top ten counties to 38,773,500 bushels or 72 percent of the state total. The sixth through the tenth counties with the percent change from the previous year and the 2005 production for each county were as follows: **Prowers County**, up 93 percent to 3,440,000 bushels; **Yuma County**, up 9 percent from the 2004 crop to 3,400,000 bushels; **Kiowa County**, up 136 percent to 3,380,000 bushels; **Adams County**, down 37 percent to 3,006,500 bushels; and **Phillips County**, up 45 percent to 2,840,000 bushels.

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All Wheat: Acreage and production by county and district, Colorado, 2005

County and District	Total				Non-Irrigated			Irrigated		
	Acreage planted	Acreage har- vested	Yield per acre	Pro- duc- tion	Acreage har- vested	Yield per acre	Pro- duc- tion	Acreage har- vested	Yield per acre	Pro- duc- tion
	Acres	Acres	Bu.	Bu.	Acres	Bu.	Bu.	Acres	Bu.	Bu.
Moffat	10,600	9,700	30.5	297,000	9,700	30.5	297,000	...	...	...
Rio Blanco	1,000	1,000	23.0	23,000	1,000	23.0	23,000	...	...	...
Routt	5,000	4,700	36.0	170,000	4,700	36.0	170,000	...	...	...
NW & Mountain	16,600	15,400	32.0	490,000	15,400	32.0	490,000	...	...	...
Boulder	3,700	3,600	51.5	186,000	2,400	40.0	96,000	1,200	75.0	90,000
Larimer	7,500	7,300	35.5	260,000	5,400	25.5	139,000	1,900	63.5	121,000
Logan	158,300	147,500	25.0	3,699,000	139,200	24.0	3,326,000	8,300	45.0	373,000
Morgan	71,400	62,200	34.0	2,109,000	49,000	28.0	1,360,000	13,200	56.5	749,000
Sedgwick	89,000	82,100	25.0	2,070,000	78,200	24.0	1,885,000	3,900	47.5	185,000
Weld	143,200	125,400	28.5	3,578,000	109,500	25.0	2,715,000	15,900	54.5	863,000
Northeast	473,100	428,100	28.0	11,902,000	383,700	25.0	9,521,000	44,400	53.5	2,381,000
Adams	160,200	133,500	22.5	3,006,500	129,200	22.0	2,826,500	4,300	42.0	180,000
Arapahoe	75,200	57,100	16.0	909,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Cheyenne	168,500	140,200	21.5	3,000,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Douglas	2,500	2,400	27.5	66,000	2,400	27.5	66,000	...	...	...
Elbert	29,100	28,300	25.0	708,500	28,300	25.0	708,500	...	...	...
El Paso	800	700	40.0	28,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kiowa	194,300	160,900	21.0	3,380,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kit Carson	337,200	293,000	21.0	6,090,000	263,000	18.5	4,930,000	30,000	38.5	1,160,000
Lincoln	131,600	116,600	21.0	2,445,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Phillips	118,200	114,500	25.0	2,840,000	112,200	24.0	2,718,000	2,300	53.0	122,000
Washington	269,600	237,800	22.0	5,190,000	235,000	21.5	5,020,000	2,800	60.5	170,000
Yuma	162,000	133,000	25.5	3,400,000	117,000	22.5	2,610,000	16,000	49.5	790,000
Combined Counties					469,400	20.0	9,419,000	6,100	56.0	343,000
East Central	1,649,200	1,418,000	22.0	31,063,000	1,356,500	21.0	28,298,000	61,500	45.0	2,765,000
Delta	800	800	64.0	51,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Dolores	20,800	20,100	20.0	400,500	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Garfield	500	300	33.5	10,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
La Plata	2,400	2,300	24.5	56,000	2,000	19.0	38,000	300	60.0	18,000
Mesa	4,500	4,100	99.5	408,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montezuma	7,200	6,600	32.5	214,500	4,600	21.0	97,000	2,000	59.0	117,500
Montrose	400	300	73.5	22,000	...	...	...	300	73.5	22,000
Combined Counties	800	800	22.5	18,000	21,300	19.5	411,000	4,800	99.5	476,500
Southwest	37,400	35,300	33.5	1,180,000	27,900	19.5	546,000	7,400	85.5	634,000
Alamosa	2,300	2,300	100.0	230,000	...	...	...	2,300	100.0	230,000
Conejos	1,500	1,500	92.0	138,000	...	...	...	1,500	92.0	138,000
Costilla	600	600	90.0	54,000	...	...	...	600	90.0	54,000
Rio Grande	2,800	2,800	90.0	252,000	...	...	...	2,800	90.0	252,000
Saguache	5,300	5,000	95.0	476,000	...	...	...	5,000	95.0	476,000
San Luis Valley	12,500	12,200	94.5	1,150,000	...	...	...	12,200	94.5	1,150,000
Baca	214,000	168,600	24.5	4,150,000	148,000	21.5	3,200,000	20,600	46.0	950,000
Bent	9,200	7,000	36.5	257,000	3,700	23.5	87,000	3,300	51.5	170,000
Crowley	2,400	1,200	43.5	52,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Las Animas	3,400	2,200	23.0	51,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Otero	5,000	4,500	61.0	275,000	500	40.5	20,000	4,000	64.0	255,000
Prowers	145,000	125,500	27.5	3,440,000	106,500	25.5	2,690,000	19,000	39.5	750,000
Pueblo	2,200	1,000	25.0	25,000	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Combined Counties					3,300	22.0	73,000	1,100	50.0	55,000
Southeast	381,200	310,000	26.5	8,250,000	262,000	23.0	6,070,000	48,000	45.5	2,180,000
State Total	2,570,000	2,219,000	24.5	54,035,000	2,045,500	22.0	44,925,000	173,500	52.5	9,110,000

(D) Data published in combined counties to avoid disclosure of individual operations.